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We continue the route, and three kilometers before Cornago we find a set of five sites of **Los Cayos**, where you will see hundreds of large carnivorous dinosaur footprints.



Site of Los Cayos in Cornago.

Approaching **Igea**, we arrive at the **Era del Peladillo**, close to the Linares river. This is where remains of the *Hadrosaurio igeensis* were found for the first time. This is a unique dinosaur that has a series of horny scutes in its back and tail.

We continue the route to see one of the most surprising discoveries in the area; a **conifer trunk fossil** that is 11 meters long, in Igea, close to the chapel of the Virgin of Villar, and it is located at the foot of the road, heading towards Cornago.

**Why are there ichnites in La Rioja?**



During the **Jurassic period**, the Tethys Sea, which covered a large part of Europe, flowed through what is now the Ebro Valley. In the **Cretaceous period**, the Riojan lands were an extensive delta formed in the mouth of the river. The dinosaurs lived in these plains full of water and vegetation.

In these marshy and humid areas, the footprints of large dinosaurs, both herbivores and carnivores, remained imprinted; and the passage of time, desiccation and sediments have done the rest.



Site of La Era del Peladillo in Igea.

**Center of Palaeontological Interpretation of La Rioja in Igea**



If you want to find out more about the dinosaurs that inhabited the Riojan terrain during the Jurassic and Cretaceous periods (140-110 million years ago), please visit this Center.

The different themed exhibits will take you on an exciting journey through time to the remote geological origins of La Rioja. Through full-size reconstructions of different dinosaurs, as well as animals and plants that lived together with them, we will understand the origin and formation of the rich palaeontological sites discovered throughout the last few years in different Riojan localities.

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The Route of the **Dinosaurs**



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# The Route of the Dinosaurs

Valles del Jubera, Leza, Cidacos and Alhama Biosphere Reserve



It is worthwhile to make the trip to **Munilla** and enjoy the wild mountain landscapes. This is the location of the sites of **Las Mortajeras, Malvaciervo, Munilla-San Vicente,** and **El Sobaquillo.** The most spectacular one is Peñaportillo, where you can see a 13 meter long trail formed by 17 footprints of carnivorous dinosaurs. You will also see seven footprints of an herbivore dinosaur (probably a Stegosaurus) that left tail marks. In the **Barranco de la Canal,** you will see a 27 meter long Iguanodon trail, the longest herbivore trail in La Rioja.

We then return to **Enciso,** where there are more than 3,000 dinosaur footprints for us to see. It is highly recommended to visit the site of **Virgen del Campo,** very close to the town, next to the chapel of the Virgen del Campo. There, you can see fossilized



More than **120 million years** ago, dinosaurs inhabited what is now La Rioja. In the 20th century, scientists uncovered the meaning of the fossil footprints (ichnites) that popular imagination had attributed to the Apostle James' horse. Since then, the excavations and studies have uncovered more than **110 Riojan sites.** Come and visit one of them. It is an unforgettable experience!

marks of an earthquake, as well as bivalve holes and shells. In addition, there are tracks of a carnivorous dinosaur that is lying in wait for an herbivore. You can see **Valdecevilla** without leaving Enciso. Here you will see, very well preserved, the first footprints belonging to a Theropod and others from a possible family group. If you would like to take some pictures, there are full-size replicas of several dinosaurs.

The next stop will be **Poyales,** a protected site with footprints of the



Site of Virgen del Campo, Enciso.

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## El Barranco Perdido (The Lost Canyon)

PaleoAdventure park of La Rioja

*El Barranco Perdido is the Paleoadventure Park of La Rioja. It is located in Enciso, where most of the archaeological remains are found. Dinosaurs lived in Enciso millions of years ago.*

*The Barranco Perdido is a park designed for people of all ages and can be enjoyed with the family. There are activities related to paleontology, adventure areas and aquatic areas...so that you can have fun getting to know the world of dinosaurs outdoors. .*



An adventure park that features:

### ► Playa Cretácica (Cretaceous beach)

*(pool, slides, geysers, solarium ...)*

### ► Circuito Paleontológico (Paleontological circuit)

*(activities, games and workshops...)*

### ► Circuito de Multiaventura (Multi-adventure circuit)

*(zip line, climbing wall, archery, hiking ...)*

## Cretaceous Museum

*The Barranco Perdido houses the Museum of Paleontology, where visitors can see a permanent exhibit about the cretaceous world of La Rioja and its dinosaurs through illustrations, full-scale reproductions, documentaries and audiovisual recreations in 3D that allow visitors to embark on an exciting journey to a fascinating past.*



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## Enciso Paleontological Center



*What makes Enciso and La Rioja so special, paleontologically?*

*La Rioja is one of the places with more Ichnites (fossil footprints) in the world: some 140 sites spread over 20 municipalities, including Enciso.*

*The Enciso Paleontological Center is a space for the enhancement of the paleontological heritage of La Rioja, designed for the enjoyment and learning to all kind of publics.*

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Theroplantigrado encisensis, a dinosaur with plantigrade feet. We end the tour of Enciso at the **Cuesta de Andorra,** which preserves the footprint sequence of an Ornithopod that walked in a knock-kneed way, with the tip of its toe facing the inside.



Replica of dinosaur in Enciso.